GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:369
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Banking Services
Verma Shri Anshul

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the banking services are still a distant dream in many villages of the country particularly tribal, remote and hilly areas of the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard along with the target set and achievement made for opening of the bank branches in the said areas?

Answer

THE FINANCE MINISTER

(a) to (c):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.*369 for 11th August 2017 by Shri Anshul Verma, M.P. regarding "Banking Services".

(a) to (c) No, sir. There are 86,922 branches of scheduled commercial banks in rural and semi-urban areas as on 31.3.2017. In addition, as on date, 1.14 lakh business correspondents of banks are deployed in rural areas for providing banking services. Scheduled Commercial Banks have opened 47.9 crore accounts in rural and semi-urban areas, as on 31.3.2016, to enable access to banking facilities.
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